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REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that no new issues requiring further detailed consideration or search have been presented by the proposed amendments and that entry of the claim amendments is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that they present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.116).

The amendments to the claims have been submitted to improve the clarity of the subject matter for which protection is sought. The amendments were not made to avoid prior art, as it is believed that the original claims are fully patentable over the cited prior art. Rather, in reviewing the claim language it was perceived that some of the language could be improved to more clearly define the inventive subject matter. It is to be noted that the Examiner did not raise any objections with regard to the language of the original claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 or any other part of the patent laws and regulations.

Specifically, the claims are amended to recite the stored identity (IMSI) as "initial international mobile subscriber identity." This amendment does not introduce new matter since IMSI is the acronym for international mobile subscriber identity. The term initial is used to distinguish the identity from the newly created identity (IMSI_w). The term "additional" is used to distinguish the newly created identity from the initial identity.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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